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Docket No.: R2184.0247/P247

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Keiichi Yoshioka

Application No.: 10/633,681

Confirmation No.: 6878

Filed: August 5, 2003

Art Unit: 2815

For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
DEVICE AND FABRICATION METHOD  
THEREOF

Examiner: E. J. Wojciechowicz

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

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